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Lightning starts Blackcomb fire

BLAZE Blackcomb Mountain's Crystal Ridge Lodge — including all guests and staff — was evacuated Thursday afternoon after a lightning strike started a fire north of the Crystal Ridge chairlift.

The fire started around 3 p.m. and at press time Thursday was up to 75 hectares in size.

Starr Munro, a provincial fire information officer, said air tankers and helicopters were battling the blaze. METRO VANCOUVER

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Vancouver Pride **Grand marshal Jones**

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Gay-rights activist Cleve Jones, grand marshal of Sunday's annual Vancouver Pride Parade, outside the new Convention Centre on Thursday. Jones, a friend and protégé of Harvey Milk, is the creator of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. **Coverage, page 11.**

B.C. needs to find $175M for Evergreen transit plan

TransLink says scenario is 'issue of livability for region at large'

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The province needs to come up with $175 million if its ambitious long-term transportation plan — which includes the construction of the Evergreen Line — can be implemented, TransLink said on Thursday.

The transit authority has presented local mayors with three potential transportation plans based on various levels of funding.

Depending on the plans, it could mean a 3 per cent increase to fuel taxes, a vehicle levy of up to $165 and a 7 per cent increase in transit fare revenue above the rate of inflation.

The base plan, which requires no extra funding, would mean "drastic cuts," including a 40 per cent reduction of bus service and a halt to station upgrades, said TransLink CEO Tom Prendergast.

The second plan, which Prendergast called the "fall back option," essentially maintains the system at status quo at $260 million.

What TransLink is hoping for is a third scenario, which requires $450 million in funding and would allow for maintenance and upgrades, and the construction of the Evergreen Line, rapid transit expansion down Broadway and through Surrey, as well as 300 new buses.

"It's not a matter of (if) we have to do this, it's a matter of when," said Prendergast. "This is an issue of livability for the region at large and staying ahead of (growth)."

Of the $450 million needed to implement the third plan, only $275 million is currently available. The province would have to come up with an additional $175 million.

Should that fall through, TransLink is offering a scaled-back version of the plan, which would provide $275 million for maintenance and upgrades, only.

Dale Parker, chair of TransLink, said he realizes people are "thinking paycheque-to-paycheque," but believes these investments will pay off down the road.

Decision

- The Mayors' Council is expected to render its decision on a supplement by Oct. 1.

Howe Street shelter to close Aug. 7

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

HOMELESSNESS Vancouver's controversial Howe Street shelter will close Aug. 7 and be replaced by more cost-efficient housing in the downtown core, Mayor Gregor Robertson and Housing Minister Rich Coleman announced Thursday.

The province is leasing Dunsmuir House, a 166-unit building located on Dunsmuir and Richards, which will provide more housing for the city's homeless population.

"I've been very clear for many months that these shelters were not permanent solutions to homelessness," said Robertson.

Controversy has dogged the shelters since they opened with neighbours complaining about increased drug use, drug dealing and public urination.

The estimated cost of the lease and supports will cost around $570 per person per month at Dunsmuir House, compared to the HEAT shelters that cost approximately $2,000 per person per month.

All the people from the Howe and Granville shelters have the option of moving to Dunsmuir House.

This will be the second of the five heat shelters opened last winter that have closed down. The three remaining shelters will continue to be funded by the province until April 2010.

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Ikea ads vandalism?

A Vancouver business owner is calling Ikea's recent ad campaign a form of vandalism, CBC News Online reports. Kevin Kelly said an Ikea ad was spray painted on part of his property just days after he finished painting it. The ads are spray-painted on buildings and sidewalks across Canada. METRO VANCOUVER

Local

Final voyage for Albion Ferry

The Albion Ferry, which sailed between Langley and Maple Ridge, makes its final sailing Friday. The free passenger and vehicle ferry service had been in operation since June 7, 1957. The recently built Golden Ears Bridge replaced the service. METRO VANCOUVER

Loan us your staff: VANOC

1,500 temp jobs to be filled

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VANOC is asking local businesses to loan them employees during the 2010 Games as the organizing committee struggles to fill 1,500 temporary positions.

The employee loan program was announced on Thursday, offering positions that will last between eight weeks and six months in 32 of VANOC's 53 departments.

"We're navigating through an extraordinary downturn in the economy and the use of seconded employees will ease some of the pressures on our budget," said Dave Cobb, deputy CEO of VANOC.

"We believe the employee loan program is a win-win situation for everyone," he said.

VANOC already has 45 seconded staff from 20 different partners.

Positions include accreditation co-ordinator, broadcast operations co-ordinator, Cultural Olympiad program manager, venue transportation manager and sport writer.

"Numerous companies and government partners loaned us staff in the lead up to the 1988 Games," said Frank King, CEO of the Calgary Organizing Committee for the 1988 Olympic Winter Games.

"Not only (would seconding) help VANOC, but (it would) enrich companies with the skills and experiences gained by (staff) being part of it."

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NDP MLA Spencer Herbert, left, with Brent Gamby and Park Comm. Aaron Jasper at English Bay Beach Friday morning.

Call it a fireworks hangover

DANIEL TAM
for Metro Vancouver

GARBAGE West End community members visited English Bay Thursday morning following the Celebration of Light fireworks and were "disappointed" by what they saw.

Fast food scraps, watermelon and 3-D glasses were among the litter found along the beach.

Each year, just shy of $30,000 is put into cleaning up the beaches after the fireworks, and Park Board Commissioner Aaron Jasper wants visitors to respect the public space.

"We could spend that money in plenty other places," said Jasper.

West End Residents Association president Brent Granby believes one of the solutions to the litter problem is educating the public.

"I think we should be working on more messaging and asking people to pick up after themselves when they come down here," said Granby.

"None of this should be here the morning after the fireworks," said NDP Vancouver West End MLA Spencer Herbert.

"It's disgusting what we see here today."

Suspicious blaze engulfs Sikh school

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

SIKH Firefighters were called to the 5900 block of Prince Albert Street Thursday morning to battle a suspicious blaze that consumed the Khalsa School in East Vancouver.

According to various reports, while the damage to the school was significant, firefighters were able to recover a sacred scripture from one of the burned buildings and return it to school officials.

Investigators are considering the possibility that the fire was intentional.

"Once the fire was out the investigators went in and determined it was suspicious so (the VPD) arson squad headed up to liaise with the fire investigator and we've taken over the file," said Const. Jana McGuinness, a Vancouver police spokesperson.

All summer school courses that were being held have been cancelled and fall classes could be affected as well. The land that the Sikh school was situated on belongs to the Vancouver School Board.

News in brief

ATTACK Vancouver Police are investigating an attack on a Muslim man Wednesday night that could have been racism motivated, cknw.com reports. Qasim Baig was returning home from evening prayers and dressed in Muslim attire when a man called him "Bin Laden" and punched Baig.

SPILL Coast guard officials said that an oil spill in Burrard Inlet between the Seabus Terminal and Canada Place on Thursday is from a cruise ship, CBC online reports. Containment booms were put up around the cruise ship to control the spill.

GAMES The 2009 World Police and Fire Games will kick off Friday and will include 67 events at 40 different venues across B.C. The event features competitors from 70 different countries. METRO VANCOUVER

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Reservist found guilty in soldier's death in Afghanistan

A military jury has found Cpl. Matthew Wilcox, 24, a Glace Bay, N.S., reservist, guilty of criminal negligence causing death and negligent performance of a military duty in the death of another Canadian soldier in Afghanistan, reports CBC News Online. Cpl. Kevin Megeney died of a gunshot wound to the chest at Kandahar Airfield in 2007. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

CSIS to be probed in Abdelrazik case

A government watchdog will launch an investigation into the alleged role the Canadian Security Intelligence Service played in the case of a Montreal man, left, who spent almost six years stranded in Sudan, CBC News Online reports. "We received a complaint from Mr. (Abousfian) Abdelrazik and we've accepted jurisdiction on that complaint," Steven Bittle, a senior adviser for the Security Intelligence Review Committee, confirmed on Thursday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

MATHIEU BELANGER/REUTERS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks during a news conference at a community centre in Adstock, Que., Thursday.

PM keeping cautious on economic recovery

RECESSION With nearly 800,000 Canadians collecting pogey and no end in sight to the jobs crisis, Prime Minister Stephen Harper is keeping his distance from those who say the recession is all but over.

"I know there are some signs of optimism," he said yesterday in Adstock, Que. But, he said, "the so-called recovery at this point is extremely fragile".

Harper was speaking two days after Statistics Canada reported that 778,000 Canadians collected employment insurance in May, the highest number in more than a decade.

Harper steered clear yesterday of agreeing with Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney that the economy would return to growth in the period from July to September.

Instead, Harper said governments must continue their co-ordinated economic stimulus activities.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Record deaths creating doubt

Questions arising over retainment of seized Afghan territory

In all of Afghanistan's fighting seasons, none has been as deadly as this one. Even NATO commanders have struggled to find new words to convey their grief as they cope with the worst month on record for coalition casualties.

News releases announcing the latest deaths arrive almost daily, expressing "great sorrow," "sincere condolences," "heartfelt condolences" and "deepest sympathies" to the families of the slain soldiers.

So far this month, 72 coalition soldiers — including five Canadians — have been killed, many as a result of offensive operations by British and American forces in southern Afghanistan to seize territory long under Taliban influence.

72 The number of coalition soldiers killed in July in Afghanistan.

The previous monthly high was 46 last August, according to the website icasualties.org.

But will the International Security Assistance Force be able to hold these hard-won regions to ensure insurgents don't come back?

The answer will determine the fate of the mission and the future of the troubled nation, experts say. And it's a question sure to prompt new questions about the NATO military alliance and Canada's own pledge to withdraw its troops in 2011.

"We are at an important point in Afghanistan's history and NATO's work there, and a testing point," British Foreign Secretary David Miliband said this week.

Britain has lost 22 soldiers in July, pushing its death toll in Afghanistan (191) past the losses suffered in Iraq (179).

But despite those losses, Miliband said at NATO's Brussels headquarters on Monday that coalition forces must remain.

The offensive push in southern Afghanistan has taken troops into the "belly of the beast," so a rise in violence was expected, said Seth Jones, an expert on Afghanistan with Rand Corp, a U.S. think-tank.

But Jones questions whether coalition forces have enough troops to ensure a long-term presence in these newly seized territories.

"I really don't see the numbers from either NATO or Afghan national security forces for this size territory." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EnCana boosts reward for pipeline bomber

INVESTIGATION EnCana Corp. doubled Thursday its reward to $1 million to catch a bomber who is demanding the firm shut down its natural gas facilities in northeastern British Columbia.

The company will also let workers and contractors qualify for the money, a change that may signal that police investigators are shifting their ideas about who is responsible for the blasts, according to an expert on eco-terrorism. EnCana boosted the reward at the request of police, who have come up empty-handed in the search for the saboteur responsible for six explosions since October near the communities of Dawson Creek and Tomslake.

Harassment?

- Some residents, especially in the hamlet of Tomslake, B.C., have complained of being harassed by police in the investigation, which has included use of the RCMP's anti-terrorism unit.

A public letter believed to be from the bomber this month warned that the attacks would continue later this year unless EnCana shut down its facilities near Dawson Creek over the next five years.

EnCana has no plans to end its operations, spokesman Alan Boras said. REUTERS

News in brief

GATTI Brazilian authorities have ruled the death of Canadian boxing champion Arturo Gatti a suicide and released his wife, a former suspect, from jail Thursday.

POLITICS Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff has reopened the debate on bringing the government down, even as a new Ekos poll Thursday gave him at best a limited chance of success, with the Grits at 34.1 per cent support and the Tories at 32.5 per cent. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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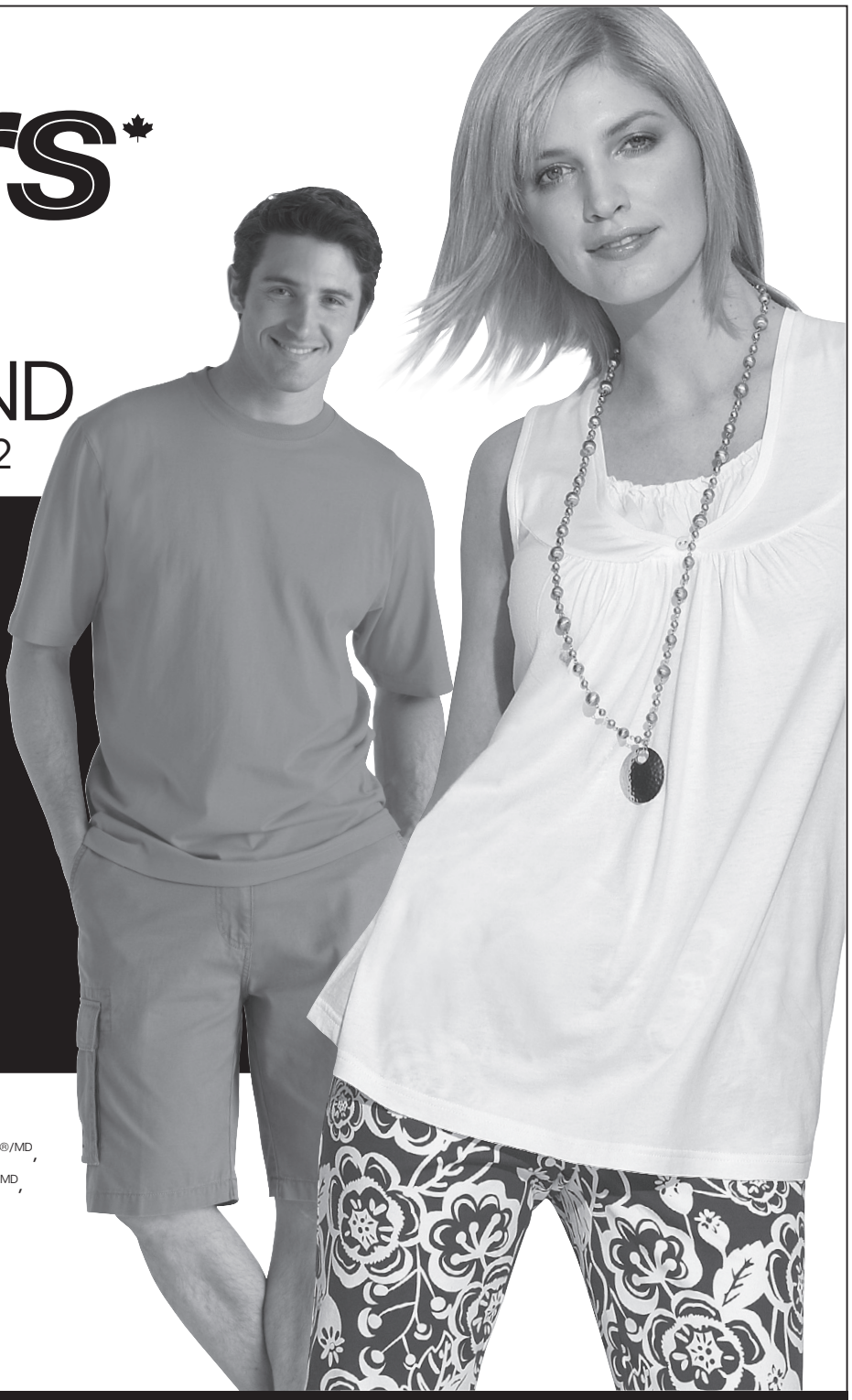

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Australian microchipped dog finds way home — nine years later

A dog rescued from a squalid backyard is to be reunited with her owners 1,000 miles away — nine years after she disappeared. The dog was found sleeping in a backyard in Melbourne after an anonymous call to the humane society. A check of the dog's microchip tracked down the original owners in Brisbane. REUTERS

World

Rare albino wallaby born in Cyprus

A rare albino wallaby, left, has been born in captivity in Cyprus, becoming the star attraction at a private zoo. The two-month old marsupial has only just emerged from its mother's pouch, standing about 40 centimetres tall and stark white among a mob of eight larger brown wallabies. The zoo has not thought of a name yet. "We have not been able to determine its sex, it's too early," said the zoo's owner. "It's probably a boy."

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Washington **A few beers**

JIM YOUNG/REUTERS

U.S. President Barack Obama sits down for a beer with Harvard scholar Henry Louis Gates, left, Cambridge, Mass., police Sgt. James Crowley, right, and Vice- President Joe Biden in the White House Garden Thursday.

News in brief

MIDDLE EAST Israel said Thursday it was investigating 100 complaints of misconduct by its forces in a Gaza offensive this year and admitted its troops had fired white phosphorous munitions but not in violation of international law. REUTERS

Iranian police, protesters clash

IranCrisis

Baton-wielding Iranian police fired tear gas on Thursday and arrested protesters mourning the young woman killed in post-election violence who has become a symbol for the opposition to Tehran's hardline leaders.

The renewed protests show the opposition refuses to be quelled or accept the June 12 hardline election victory despite a security crackdown, the arrest of hundreds of demonstrators and repeated calls from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The clashes erupted after hundreds of supporters of opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi gathered to mourn Neda Agha-Soltan, whose death on June 20 was captured on video and seen by hundreds of thousands on the Internet.

At least 300 mourners were at a ceremony for the 26-year-old music student at Tehran's Behesht-e Zahra cemetery, greeting the opposition leader with chants of "Mousavi we support you," a witness said.

But police forced Mousavi to return to his car and leave. Many hundreds later tried to move toward the Grand Mosala, a large prayer venue in central Tehran. Police were out in force outside the Mosala, having rejected a request by opposition leaders to hold a memorial ceremony there.

"There are thousands of people chanting slogans in favour of Mousavi. Hundreds of riot police ... are trying to disperse them," another witness said.

Protesters set garbage containers alight in nearby streets. At least three protesters were arrested and police smashed the car windows of drivers who honked their horns in support of the demonstrators, one of the witnesses said.

REUTERS

News in brief

BRITAIN A multiple sclerosis sufferer who feared her husband would be prosecuted if she went abroad to end her life won a legal bid on Thursday to force the British government to clarify the law on assisted suicide. Debbie Purdy, 46, wanted assurances her husband would not be prosecuted if he helped her go to a euthanasia facility overseas. On Thursday, Britain's House of Lords unanimously ruled that the failure to clarify the law infringed her human rights.

NIGERIA Security forces in northern Nigeria on Thursday captured the leader of a militant Islamic sect responsible for days of unrest which have killed more than 180 people and displaced thousands.Radical preacher Mohammed Yusuf, whose Boko Haram sect wants a wider adoption of sharia (Islamic law) across Africa's most populous nation, was seized after a manhunt.

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Musharraf beats treason charge

Pakistan's top judge turned down a request on Thursday to launch a treason case against former military ruler Pervez Musharraf, saying the Supreme Court lacked the authority.

Chief Justice Iftikhar Chaudhry's remarks could reassure both the fragile civilian government and military establishment, as they can ill-afford any fresh crisis at a time when the country is fighting a Taliban insurgency in parts of the northwest.

"This is not the proper forum to initiate such a case. We are not authorized to do so," Chaudhry told the court

Musharraf was forced to quit as president almost a year ago to avoid impeachment.

Hamid Khan, a lawyer who was at the forefront of a movement to oust Musharraf, asked a panel of 14 judges led by Chaudhry to begin treason proceedings on grounds that the general had seized power in a coup in 1999 and violated the constitution to extend his rule in 2007. REUTERS

India **Hotbed for twins**

ARKO DATTA/REUTERS

Fathima Lubna, 7, and her twin sister Fathima Lubaba, right, carry their five-month-old twin sisters at their residence in Kodinji, an Indian village of around 2,000 families that has at least 204 pairs of twins, according to the Twins and Kins Association.

Artist Bio - Voice of the Gun

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Comment

Fearless, inspiring heroes

Mona Eltahawy
Global View

Tina Turner was wrong — we do need another hero. Especially fearless women.

As a special gift for my 42nd birthday I met two such women in Kuala Lumpur, where we were attending the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE), a program aimed at improving the status of Muslim women worldwide.

Seyran Ates, 46, a lawyer and women's rights advocate, was born in Istanbul and has lived in Germany since her family moved there when she was six. She ran away from home at 17 to escape patriarchal traditions and sought refuge in a shelter for battered women.

When she was 21 and living at a women's centre, young men of Turkish descent broke in and started firing guns. Ates was shot in the throat and almost bled to death. The woman next to her was killed.

Two years ago, as she was about to enter a Berlin courtroom with a client filing for divorce, the husband assaulted the two women. That attack, as well as direct threats against her infant daughter, have persuaded Ates — a single mother who is open about the fact that she never married her daughter's father — to close her legal practice.

She continues to fight for women in other ways. She's written several books condemning political Islamic organizations for their misogyny, the right wing in Europe for its racism and hatred, and the left wing for its silence over the violations of Muslim women's rights. Her latest book is called Islam Needs a Sexual Revolution. I can't wait for its English translation.

"I, too, had been a more conservative, headscarf-wearing teenager and it was comforting to trace our parallel moves away from orthodox interpretations of Islam."

All I can tell you about my second new hero is she is Iranian. Anything else could jeopardize her safety.

Her life has closely mirrored Iran's ebbs and flows since its 1979 revolution. She was a teenage supporter of that revolution. As a conservative young woman who chose a headscarf she supported its Islamic aspects, which eventually pushed aside the other political strands that had united against the Shah.

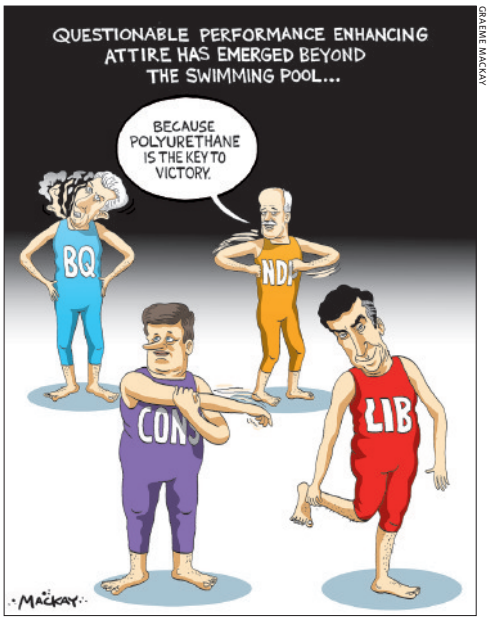
But within a decade she became disillusioned with Iran's direction and embraced instead her country's feminist movement. I, too, had been a more conservative, headscarf-wearing teenager and it was comforting to trace our parallel moves away from orthodox interpretations of Islam.

They tried to kill Ates twice. They imprisoned my Iranian hero twice.

Solitary confinement was "like death," she said, and only her spirituality saved her. She is now a "backpack activist" — the regime shut down her organization's office — and creates online a space activists don't have in the "real world."

With women like Ates and my Iranian hero around, we're well on our way to being wise, indeed.

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues.



GRAEME MACKAY

Letters

First Nations issues are important to all Canadians

Metro should be commended for its respectful and thought-provoking coverage of First Nations issues.

Metro's coverage provided important information on an often overlooked subject in many media outlets. First Nations issues are important to our communities and our nation.

GLENN KIRKWOOD, LADNER

Views

Golden effort to celebrate the pioneers

UrbanCompass

It's going to be a hot time in the old town this weekend, and we're not just talking temperature.

The real heat will be generated starting at high noon Sunday, when the 31th annual Pride Parade sashays through the West End from Robson and Thurlow to Sunset Beach.

Last year, more than half a million not-so-innocent bystanders attended, and this year, with nothing but blue skies forecast for the long weekend, I suspect crowd records will rival temperature records.

Now that the Pride parade is so festive, it's hard to remember pride parades were born in protest — the first ones took place in 1970 to commemorate the riot that followed a police raid on a gay bar in New York's Greenwich Village. Vancouver's parade was early, loud and proud and has become a vital tourist attraction, as well as a celebration of sexuality, freedom, dignity — and safety.

Wow, 1970. In 1970, I still had hair. Lots of it. Long, beautiful hair … but I digress.

Police raids on gay bars are a thing of the past, but crimes against gay people aren't, and if you're a Conservative politician, it's still risky to support gay activities, as Tourism Minister Diane Ablonczy recently found out. Although the Harper government officially denies it, there's not much doubt a large portion of her funding power was stripped away after she gave $400,000 to Toronto's Pride Week in June.

PrideWeek Vancouver

She was punished even though the Tories have a number of gay MPs and senators. Harper and his posse of angry, old, straight white guys from the Prairies still don't get it.

It's hard to believe that sexual orientation still summons up demons from the depths of fear and intolerance. Some day, (ya think?) we'll learn the things that make us different are the things that make us human, that we're all human, and we have to learn to play together on this precious little planet.

Gay and lesbian people, at risk to their safety and sanity, have taught that lesson to the rest of us, partially out of self-interest, but the community has made a real effort to accentuate the positive, and we have a golden opportunity to celebrate that effort together during Pride Week.

But, lest we forget, one of this year's parade grand marshalls is Cleve Jones, the protegé of San Francisco gay activist and politician Harvey Milk, who was assassinated in 1978 just for being gay.

Party hearty, because the right to do so was earned in blood and tears.

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Worth mentioning

East German Stasi feared Jackson's 1988 concert

Communist East Germany's secret police saw Michael Jackson as a security threat, fearing his 1988 concert next to the Berlin Wall would spark protests, new archive findings showed Thursday.

At a time of rising discontent in East Germany, the Stasi was worried youngsters would try to crash through security barriers to listen to the concert on the other side of the wall, which had separated East and West Berlin since 1961.

"They were concerned dissident youths would call for the wall to fall," Steffen Mayer, a spokesman for the government agency that looks after the Stasi archives, told Reuters.

"This was seen as a potential security threat given the amount of foreign media that would be present."

The Berlin Wall, which symbolized the division between the West and the Communist world, fell little more than a year later, in an era of change triggered by the reforms of former Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev. REUTERS

Michael Jackson

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Dollar gains against U.S. currency
Canada's dollar strengthened Thursday as upbeat economic data helped whet investor appetite. The Canadian dollar closed at 92.23 cents US, up 0.55 of a cent. REUTERS

Business

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Petro-Canada's run ends with weak Q2

Petro-Canada closed the curtain Thursday on more than three decades as a flagship oil company with a 95 per cent drop in profit and a warning that its refining business faces tough times for the rest of this year.

Set up in the mid-1970s by then-Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau as a window into an industry dominated by U.S. companies, Petro-Canada is set to be merged into Suncor Energy Inc. on Saturday after a $22.5-billion takeover.

The deal closes amid weak conditions in the oil patch. Layoffs began this week, with an undisclosed number of senior executives being informed of their status in the new Suncor, which will be Canada's biggest oil company. The companies struck the deal in March as the industry struggled with falling commodity prices.

In his last conference call with analysts and reporters, chief executive Ron Brenneman did not say how many employees would lose their jobs. The firms are aiming for $300 million in annual savings.

"Our focus is more on working our way down through the various levels of the organization and trying to get to people as quickly as we can to provide some certainty about where their future lies," said Brenneman. REUTERS

Bureaucratic image

- Despite being privatized in the early 1990s, with Ottawa selling the last of its shares in 2004, Petro-Canada was never able to shake the perception that it was a bureaucratic organization with a state-run mentality, FirstEnergy Capital Corp. analyst William Lacey said.

MasterCard, Visa profits beat forecasts

CREDIT MasterCard Inc., the world's second-largest credit card network, reported better-than-expected quarterly earnings Thursday as it raised fees charged to banks and cut expenses, sending its shares up 6.5 per cent.

The company's larger rival, Visa, also reported better-than-expected earnings on Wednesday.

But MasterCard chief financial executive Robert Selander said the dive in consumer spending would make it difficult for the company to meet its target of average annual revenue growth of 12 per cent to 15 per cent in 2009-11.

MasterCard's second-quarter net income was $349 million US, compared with a loss of $747 million a year earlier.

Visa had a better quarter than expected, as the world's largest credit card network cut expenses and consumers used debit cards more. Visa's net income rose 73 per cent to $729 million US for the quarter ended June 30. REUTERS

Barrick Gold sees mining costs falling

GOLD Barrick Gold Corp. reported a strong quarterly net profit Thursday, giving shares a boost, while its chief executive predicted lower mining costs in the quarters ahead.

The company, the world's largest gold producer, maintained its production forecasts for 2009 and 2010 and said its development projects were progressing on schedule.

Barrick CEO Aaron Regent said lower commodity prices, looser labour markets and new lower-cost mines should reverse a trend of rising costs. REUTERS

Kellogg marks high quarterly earnings, raises '09 prediction

FOOD Kellogg posted a higher-than-expected quarterly profit and raised its full-year earnings forecast Thursday as costs for energy and grains eased while price increases helped lift revenue.

The maker of Frosted Flakes has seen an increase in sales as consumers eat more at home. Kellogg also raised prices to cope with higher costs for materials.

The company said it expects commodity costs to rise about four per cent for the year, but down from the 10 per cent rise seen in 2008. REUTERS

Business in brief

OIL Second-quarter profit at Imperial Oil tumbled 81 per cent on lower energy prices, maintenance outages and weak refining results, the company said Thursday. Net income fell to $209 million, from year-earlier $1.15 billion.

UNEMPLOYMENT The number of Americans collecting long-term unemployment aid fell to the lowest in three months in mid-July, according to government data. REUTERS

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Danish soccer player wakes from coma after lightning strike

FC Nordsjaelland defender Jonathan Richter woke up from an induced coma Thursday, 10 days after he was struck by lightning during a reserve soccer game. Doctors said the reaction was "a good sign," but added it was too early to say whether the 24-year-old Dane's brain had been damaged. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

T.O. for breakfast

For Buffalo Bills fans who can't get enough of Terrell Owens, now they can have him for breakfast. Owens officially unveiled the breakfast cereal that bears his name, T.O.'s Honey Toasted Oats. The cereal is produced by Pittsburgh-based PLB Sports, which previously produced Flutie Flakes, when Doug Flutie was a Bills quarterback. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Canucks re-sign Wellwood

NHL The Vancouver Canucks have re-signed centre Kyle Wellwood, general manager Mike Gillis announced Thursday.

Wellwood skated in 74 games for Vancouver last season and posted a career-high 18 goals and nine assists.

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Worlds Local swimmer breaks record

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Annamay Pierse of Vancouver reacts after setting a world record in the women's 200m breaststroke swimming semifinal at the World Championships Thursday in Rome.

Sports in brief

BASEBALL Sluggers Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz, who helped the Boston Red Sox end an 86-year World Series title drought in 2004, tested positive for performance-enhancing drugs in 2003, The New York Times reported on Thursday.

KHL Russia's Kontinental Hockey League completed a contract with Detroit Red Wings forward Jiri Hudler on Thursday. The KHL registered Hudler's $10-million US, two-year contract in Moscow.

SOCCER Bayern Munich turned down a bid of $121.9 million from Real Madrid for its winger Franck Ribery, according to a French newspaper. Ribery said earlier this month he'd like to play in Madrid. METRO NEWS SERVICES

High-tech suits steal spotlight

Field of Play

Scott Russell

metronews.ca/fieldofplay

Swimming has a problem. The new polyurethane suit, ubiquitous at the 13th World Championships in Rome, is leading to a bevy of records, but it doesn't fit the true spirit of competition.

Many sports have been through these choppy waters. Hockey's advances in padding and carbon fibre sticks have made the game faster, allowed harder hits and more dangerous shots. Modern tennis racquets and golf clubs have mammoth striking surfaces. But are the players in these games any more skilful?

That's why FINA, the international governing body of aquatic sport, is putting an end to the madness and declaring that as of 2010 the plastic flotation device, worn by most of the record breakers, will be going out of style.

There are few dissenters.

A sense of embarrassment pervades in Rome. World records are tumbling mostly thanks to the skin suit.

Many believe FINA allowed its use here because the manufacturer of one model is a major sponsor of the meet. The athletes, some would argue, have been forced to cram themselves into the suits in order to keep pace — uncomfortable as that may be.

One Canadian team member marvelled at the poolside odour. "It smells like a kiddies birthday party — kind of like a bunch of balloons."

Indeed, that's what the swimmers look like when they come out of the water … like a squadron of black balloons. They walk awkwardly and immediately unzip themselves so they can breathe again. They are so uneasy about wearing the suits that many accomplished stars like Libby Trickett of Australia black out the logo or use accreditation cards to cover it up during television interviews in order to protect their regular sponsors.

Most disturbing is the fact that Paul Biedermann of Germany, the man who has ended Michael Phelps' domination in the pool by winning the 200-metre freestyle, faced few questions about his spectacular victory and dozens about his chosen swim apparel.

"I'm kind of sad the talk is all about the suit," Biedermann lamented. "For me it's all about the swimming and today I am the fastest."

It all leaves the whiff of something slightly spoiled.

Swimming is supposed to be about the race. Right now it's more about the suit. That will forever leave an asterisk on these world championships.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

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Lions seek redemption

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The Lions are coming off a humiliating loss at home last week. They'll be looking to get back on track tonight in Hamilton against a much improved Tiger-Cats team.

MUST IMPROVE: The Lions have got to be much better on both sides of the ball. After losing 48-10 last week, look for them to execute a lot better against Hamilton. After all it can't get much worse.

NEW CAT: Newly acquired receiver Arland Bruce III will make his Tiger-Cat debut after a highly publicized falling out with Toronto Argonaut head coach Bart Andrus.

LINEUP NOTES: The Lions released running back Tyler Ebell earlier this week. The Ticats will likely be without linebacker Otis Floyd who terrorized the Lions offence a few games back. He's recovering from a concussion.

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Check out the Freedometer
This year's events will include archive booths that document good and bad milestones in homosexual culture in and around Vancouver. There will also be a new concept called the Freedometer, a map of the world that is colour-coded according to countries' acceptance of homosexuality. METRO VANCOUVER

Vancouver Pride

Be proud, Canada: Jones

Gay activist says our country sets a good example for LGBT rights

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

The man who played an instrumental role in keeping Harvey Milk's name in the public's consciousness will be one of the grand marshals leading the 2009 Pride Parade Sunday.

Cleve Jones is perhaps best known for being a close friend and protégé of Milk, the first openly gay man to be elected into public office in California.

Milk became an icon in the LGBT community and was heralded as a martyr following his assassination in 1978. Jones promised to keep his name alive and fulfilled the promise by playing a seminal role in the creation of the 2008's Academy Award-winning film Milk. Jones's character was portrayed by actor Emile Hirsch.

"Meeting him was the single most important thing that ever happened to me," said Jones. "The LGBT community has had many martyrs — martyrs that we've lost to murders or suicides or alcoholism or drug use, people who were never able to fulfill the promise of their lives because they were so damaged by homophobia — but Harvey was our first collective martyr."

Jones is also founder of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, which currently comprises 46,000 panels that celebrate the lives of more than 91,000 people who have died of AIDS-related causes. Weighing nearly 54 tonnes, it is currently recognized as the world's largest piece of community folk art.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER
Gay-rights activist Cleve Jones outside the new Convention Centre in Vancouver Thursday.

Having been a LGBT rights activist for more than three decades, Jones believes Canadians should be proud of the progress that's been made here.

"It's very exciting to see what's happened in Canada, and the fact that equality under the law has been extended to gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender Canadians," he said. "I think it's a really good example for (the U.S.)."

"Meeting (Harvey Milk) was the single most important thing that ever happened to me ... Harvey was our first collective martyr."
Cleve Jones

Joining Jones as grand marshals will be local LGBT activists Jeremy Dias, Janine Fuller and Cindy Kampmeinert.

The parade begins at noon.

Parties, dances and pancakes

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

EVENTS Organizers of the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival expect the number of people attending this year will eclipse last year's record-breaking number.

Vancouver Pride Society president Ken Coolen is projecting that this year's festival will draw 600,000 attendees, significantly more than last year's record-breaking 530,000.

There are many events occurring in the days leading up to Sunday's parade.

The popular Koodo's Big Night Out — Davie Street Pride Party will kick off Pride Weekend Friday night. Set to run from 7 p.m. to midnight, on Davie Street between Burrard and Bute streets, the party will offer live music, DJs, drinks, dancing and a giant game of Twister.

Among the musical acts performing at the party are Sugarbeach and Destineak.

At 9 a.m. on Saturday, a pancake breakfast will be held on Davie Street in honour of one of Vancouver Pride's founders, Terry Wallace.

Langara Golf Course will host the first annual Out on the Green Pride golf tournament, beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday.

High noon Saturday will see the sixth annual Vancouver Dyke March and Festival, which takes place near Commercial Drive.

The parade will start at McSpadden Park and end at Grandview Park and will be followed by a music festival.

ENZA ANDERSON/METRO CANADA
Stiltwalkers rise above the West End crowd last year.

Sunday will see the parade and festival, which begins at Robson and Thurlow Streets at noon.

Prior to the event, a church service will be held at the Christ Church Cathedral on Burrard Street at 8 a.m.

After the Parade, the Pride Youth Dance will take place at the West End Community Centre from 8 p.m. to midnight, featuring DJ Jeremy. A donation of $5 is suggested.

Youth Dance for the next generation

COMING OUT Sexual self-awareness is happening at a younger age each year and it can make for very confusing and uncomfortable times.

That's why the Pride Youth Dance is being held this Sunday. The event is for meant as a safe place for gay and lesbian's aged 25 and under.

Lydia Luk, the Gab Youth Services co-ordinator, believes it's one of the few dances — including public school dances — where queer youth can feel comfortable.

"There are events at school and queer-youth dances, but sometimes they don't feel safe, because those dances are very heterocentric," Luk said. "This is something different that celebrates these youth and creates a place to be proud and have fun."

Along with a local DJ, the Screaming Chicken Theatrical Society is bringing their burlesque dancing group to provide a bit of extra entertainment. But in the end, it's all about being yourself and having fun.

"This provides a space to celebrate and be your authentic self," said Ken Coolen, president of the Vancouver Pride Society. "It's great to provide a venue to the future Pride developers."

The dance will be held at the West End Community Centre, starting at 8 p.m. and ending at midnight. Donations are welcome. SAM SMITH /FOR METRO VANCOUVER

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The focus of the Launch
Struggles faced by Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) will be the focus of this Friday's Pride Launch. Various speakers, including Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu and activist Cleve Jones, will address the crowd in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery at noon. METRO VANCOUVER

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Pride '09 turns up the heat

KARL YU
for Metro Vancouver

This year's Vancouver Pride Parade is going to be hotter than ever — literally, so bring your water soakers and sunscreen.

With the temperature expected to reach 27 C — and feel like 35 C with the humidex — large crowds are expected to line up the parade route on Sunday and maybe even top last year's attendance of more than half a million people.

"We've grown exponentially every year since 2005 and we expect this year to be exactly the same," said Vancouver Pride Society president Ken Coolen.

The type of the people attending has changed too and Coolen said the parade is now an all ages event.

"We have found that there are families, grandparents, and everyone in between … ethnic diversity and it's not just the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered but a lot of straight allies that come down to watch the celebration," he said.

Coolen also said that Americans like heading up to attend Vancouver Pride especially people from Washington State, Oregon and even California.

The growth of the event has also affected the financial aspect of the pride parade with more companies looking to spend money advertising during Pride.

RAFE ARNOTT/THE JUE PHOTO

Metro Canada columnist Enza the Supermodel takes part in last year's Vancouver Pride Parade.

"We're finding that our event is becoming more and more recognized by a lot of companies and corporations who are looking to support public events here in Vancouver," said Coolen.

In brief

THEME The Vancouver Pride Society (VPS) is going with the triple theme of Education, Liberation and Celebration for the Pride Festival over the next three years. Ken Coolen, president of VPS, said he hopes that this year's theme, Education, will help further develop acceptance. DANIEL TAM

March features the 'whole shebang'

EVENT While Pride participants party downtown, an equally vibrant event is taking place on Commercial Drive this Saturday.

The sixth annual Vancouver Dyke March (VDM) and Festival is meant to raise women's visibility, celebrate dyke pride, and to bring Pride celebrations to the Vancouver Eastside.

Sam Levy, president of the VDM, said that there is no correlation between the event she is associated with and the Vancouver Pride Parade and Festival.

"We've always been a standalone event really focusing on women, lesbians, their supporters, their allies, their friends, their families, their dogs, their kids, the whole shebang," Levy said.

FIONA BARNETT

Last year's Dyke March at McSpadden Park.

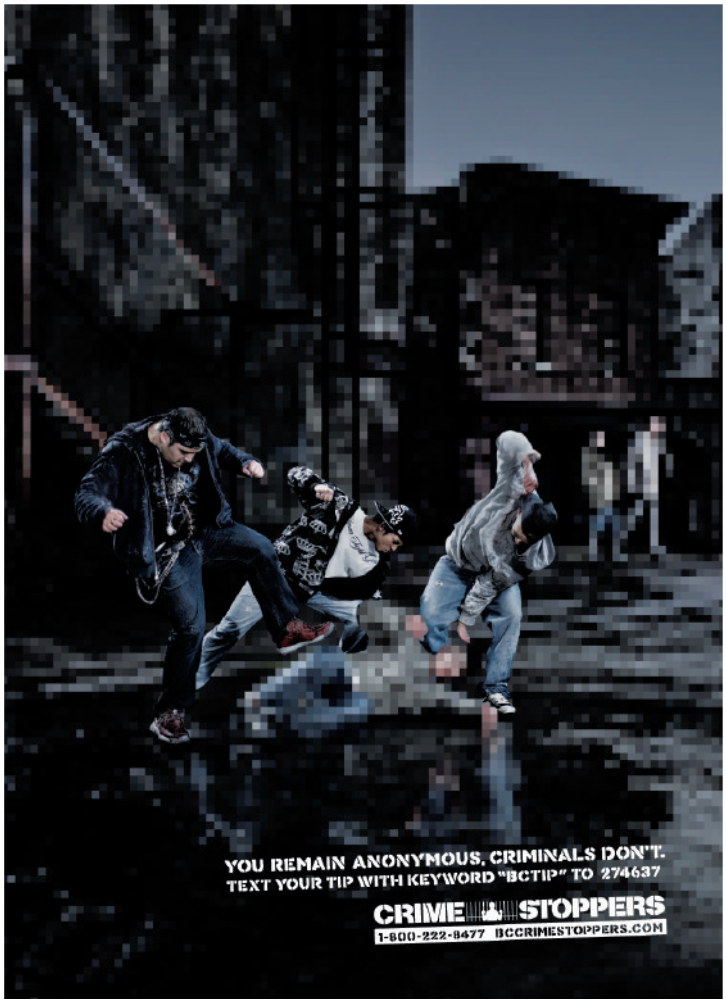
The Dyke March begins at McSpadden Park on Victoria Drive, continue down Commercial and end at Grandview Park with a music festival.

"(The march) allows for an event to happen on the East Side," said Levy.

"We've been on Commercial Drive the whole time and we've kind of done it as that grassroots organization."

Fast facts

- The event is a march, not a parade, so it does not feature floats.
- It has been partially funded by the City of Vancouver since 2006 and costs about $15,000.
- Amongst the performers at this year's Vancouver Dyke March and Festival are Kim Kuzma, Sugarbeach and The Black Parade Kings.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Wise guys

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It's funny, and art too

Seth Rogen. left, and Adam Sandler play disciple and master in Judd Apatow's Funny People.

Funny **People**

Director: Judd Apatow
Stars: Adam Sandler, Seth Rogen
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕½

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Funny People's deceptively simple title speaks volumes about its content. On one hand, writer/director Judd Apatow's film is indeed filled with humorous humans of every persuasion. But underneath its lighthearted, laugh out loud exterior lurks a far darker, more complex treatise on how amusingly out of touch and lost we as a culture really are.

Apatow regular Seth Rogen plays a likeable shlub named Ira, a struggling stand up comedian in L.A. who, while waiting his turn on stage at a local club, encounters slumming Hollywood comedy legend George Simmons (equally revered funnyman Adam Sandler, who gives a career best performance here).

Haunted and seemingly burned out, George takes a shine to Ira and invites him to work for him, writing jokes for his act and managing his day to day affairs.

Except, as it turns out, George is suffering from a rare blood disorder and hasn't much time left to live.

As Ira becomes his idol's disciple — and, eventually, friend — a twist of fate steers their "bromantic" bond in an unexpected direction, leading to an almost surreal final hour that introduces George's sexy ex-lover Laura (Leslie Mann) and her macho Aussie hubby Clarke (Eric Bana).

To divulge any more about Funny People's strange, meandering narrative would spoil the picture's many pleasures, chief among them that the audience has absolutely no idea where it's going at any given time.

This is Apatow's masterpiece: A hilarious, poignant observational film that's closer to vintage Woody Allen than anything that's ever bore his crowd pleasing brand before. Clocking in at almost 2½ hours, the extra running time gives the filmmaker free rein to fully flesh out his eccentric characters, ensuring that even the smallest roles (like Aubrey Plaza's sardonic nerd girl/love interest) serve to enrich the story.

Filled with the expected raunchy dialogue, nudity and penis jokes — but laced with a bitter cynicism — Funny People isn't just another sensitive guy romp, it's the modern comedy as an artform … and one of the best movies of the year so far.

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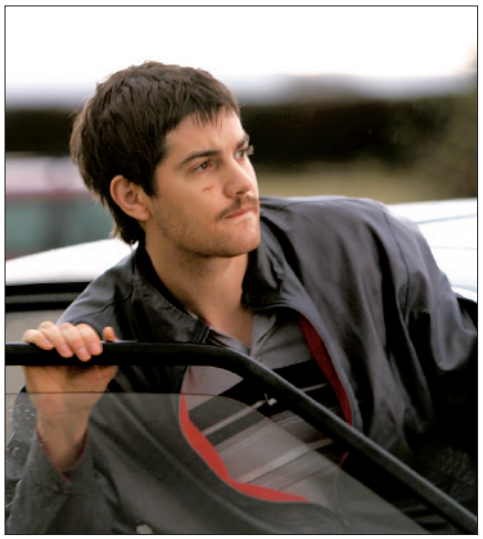

Jim Sturgess stars in Fifty Dead Men Walking.

Dead Men Walking intense experience

Fifty Dead **Men Walking**

Director: Kari Skogland
Stars: Jim Sturgess, Ben Kingsley
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

REVIEW By her own admission, writer/director Kari Skogland took several liberties with Fifty Dead Men Walking, her filmed adaptation of political informant Martin McGartland's autobiography.

But, really, that's OK. Movies are meant to be an impression of reality, and by the time Skogland's white knuckle picture fades to black, we feel like we've sprinted a mile in McGartland's blood-stained shoes just the same.

The film begins in the wilds of northern Canada, with a grizzled, bearded McGartland (21's Jim Sturgess) fending off a brutal attack by a masked gunman that leaves him bullet riddled and gasping for life. As the camera settles on his wide eyes, we are thrust 11 years into the past with a younger, freewheeling McGartland running around Belfast as the tensions related to "the troubles" escalate around him.

Soon, McGartland finds himself embroiled in the machinations of the IRA and assumes the role of informer for British Intelligence (exemplified by Sir Ben Kingsley as McGartland's smooth U.K. contact). As McGartland gets deeper into his double life, tensions mount and it's only a matter of time before his violent, IRA associates discover the truth of his deception.

Some critics have complained that the film is far too "entertaining" to suit the grim subject matter, and that politics take a back seat to the director's glossy cinematic conceits. Make no mistake; Fifty Dead Men Walking is a rollicking, full throttle entertainment, as vital a thriller as it is as a gut-wrenching melodrama.

But its accessibility never once betrays the bitter reality of its brutal backdrop. We never once feel removed from the IRA/Unionist conflicts and their devastating effect on the Northern Irish populace.

What Skogland has wisely chosen to do, however, is focus her narrative squarely on McGartland's stranger-than-fiction story and, in turn, on Sturgess' breathtaking performance. There's a level of ferocity on display here that none of the young actor's previous roles even hint towards. This is Oscar-calibre stuff all the way.

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Star power to the max at Venice fest

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Flavours of Julia Child

Legendary chef's editor praises Streep for role

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Judith Jones says Meryl Streep "got" Julia Child in the new film Julie & Julia.

Jones ought to know. She first met Child — the future giant of American cooking — in 1961 when she became her cookbook editor.

It was a friendship that spanned five decades until Child's death in 2004.

"Meryl was terrific. I think it's uncanny, she does become Julia," Jones says about the actress. "She has studied facial expressions and it's hard to pinpoint them all, but it's true Julia.

"Julia was big and awkward and in those days, it was a liability for a woman to be that tall. And she scuffled a bit with her feet. Meryl Streep gets all of that. It has something to do with what she was. She wasn't going to let it handicap her; she turned it into an asset. She had such a presence."

Jones — who discovered The Diary of Anne Frank in the reject pile of a Paris publishing house — took a chance on Child's landmark cookbook, Mastering the Art of French Cooking, which at the time was gathering dust at the publishing house she worked for.

Jones, who is now 85, championed it against the prevailing wisdom of the day; that women wouldn't cook elaborate food in their homes. The book was a smash hit.

Jones became Child's personal editor, cheerleader and kitchen aide, helping her perfect recipes in her home kitchen in Cambridge, Mass.

"I was the perfect person for her book," Jones smiles. "I was looking for such a book and it seemed like a godsend. No one wrote that way about cooking, to truly explain ingredients, techniques and all of that.

"You can't just cook in the French way particularly because there are techniques and rules. As Julia would say it was 'codified.' I needed that to be a really 'subtle, soignée cook,' as she would say.

"She was always so disdainful of what she called 'the flimsies.' I am convinced of one thing, there are people who simply don't have the genes to cook.

"You can expose them to food all you want, they're the 'flimsies.' Get out of the kitchen!"

And, Jones includes some of television's "star" chefs in that group.

"These days there is so much nonsense and bang! Particularly in the Food Network programmes — all the competitions and what I call the testosterone in the kitchen. You see them boil that chicken to death and you want to scream 'Take it out! It's going to be horrible!'"

Movie **feature**

Julie & Julia opens in theatres next week

"Meryl was terrific. I think it's uncanny, she does become Julia."
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Meryl Streep stars as legendary cook Julia Child in Julie & Julia.

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Reel Time

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These extraterrestrials are so G

InFocus
Richard Crouse
metronews.ca/infocus

This is turning into a banner year for family friendly aliens. Recently, Reese Witherspoon and a team of misfit monsters successfully saved our planet from a gang of G-rated extraterrestrials in Monsters vs Aliens and in Race to Witch Mountain a cab driver learned that not all space invaders are "little green people with antennas."

Later this year the cute and cuddly animated aliens of Planet 51 will be invaded by an astronaut from Earth and in this weekend's Aliens in the Attic a group of kids protects their vacation home from creatures from outer space.

E.T.s in kids' entertainment are nothing new. The futuristic animated utopia of the Jetsons, featuring aliens galore, originally ran on Saturday morning television in the early '60s, but has since been spun off into comics, games, a short-lived 1980s TV series, television movies and a 1990 feature film imaginatively called Jetsons: The Movie.

Around the same time The Jetsons were on the small screen, a movie The Monster Times called "the worst science fiction flick ever, bar none" was entering theatres. Santa Claus Conquers the Martians, released in 1964, is a no-budget wonder which ping-pongs from so-bad-it's-good right back to bad again. Cinematically it may be the biggest Christmas turkey ever, but its crazy story, about Martians kidnapping Santa so their little green kids can get some presents just like human children, is a guilty pleasure.

Aliens in The Attic is the latest entry in a series of family-friendly alien flicks this year.

The '70s and '80s were a particularly fertile time for kiddie "take me to your leader" movies. Of course there were the original three Star Wars movies, E.T. (and the shameless E.T. rip-off Mac and Me) but looking past Lucas and Spielberg reveals other, not as well-known alien movies for the rugrats.

Invaders from Mars, from Texas Chain Saw Massacre director Tobe Hooper, sees a teenage hero (actress Karen Black's real life son Hunter Carson) enlist the help of a school nurse (played by his mother) and the Marines to prevent aliens from assuming human form and taking over his hometown.

"The '70s and '80s were a particularly fertile time for kiddie 'take me to your leader' movies."

Finally, also worth a look is Explorers, a 1985 kid's flick starring Ethan Hawke and River Phoenix as BFFs whose dream of intergalactic travel comes true when they build a homemade spaceship, complete with a Tilt-a-Whirl cockpit. It was the feature film debut for both Hawke and Phoenix and while it isn't groundbreaking sci-fi, it's a fun film for the whole family.

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Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:50
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:45-7-9:20
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SILVERCITY RIVERPORT
14211 Entertainment Way, 604-272-7280

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BURNABY

DOLPHIN CINEMAS
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G-Force (G) Fri-Thu 1-3-5-7-9
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 1-4-7-9:45

SILVERCITY METROPOLIS
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STATION SQUARE
220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

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NEW WEST/ COQUITLAM

SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
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Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-5:7:30-9:45
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Up (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:30-6:45-9:45

SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

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My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 8:50
Up (G) Fri-Thu 1:30-7

HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Brüno (18A) Fri-Thu 8:30-10:10
The Hangover (18A) Fri-Thu 7:30-9:30
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 12-4:30-9:15
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:15-5:25
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 6:40
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 2:10
Up (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-4:30-6:30

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
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Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:35-4:50-7:35-9:50
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The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Tue 12:45-4:10-7:30-10 Wed 4:10-7:30-10 Thu 12:45-4:10-7:30-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
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Aliens in the Attic (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 1-3:35-6:45-9:35 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat 1-3:35-6:45-9:35-11:55 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sun-Thu 1-3:35-6:45-9:35
Brüno (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 10:10
Funny People (18A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:30-3:45-7-10:15
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-3:20-7:30-9:50
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes, Stadium Seating Thu midnight
The Hangover (18A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:20-4:05-7:40
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Fri 12:20-1:10-3:50-4:30-7:10-8-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sat 12:20-1:10-3:50-4:30-7:10-8-10:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, No Passes Sun-Thu 12:20-1:10-3:50-4:30-7:10-8-10:30
Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (G) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:15-3:55-7:15-9:40
Love Aaj Kal (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:55-9:55
Monty Python and the Holy Grail (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Sat 12
Orphan (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:25-3:30-7:05-10:05
The Proposal (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:05-4-7:35-10:25
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The Ugly Truth (14A) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 1-3:30-7-9:30 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat 1-3:30-7-9:30-12:05 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sun-Thu 1-3:30-7-9:30

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The Proposal (PG) Fri 7:10-9:15 Sat-Mon 2:10-7:10-9:15 Tue-Thu 7:10-9:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 7-9 Sat-Mon 2-7-9 Tue-Thu 7-9

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Funny People (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:10-7-9:40
G-Force (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:30-7-9:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 2-6:30-9:20
Orphan (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 2:20-7:15-9:45

COLOSSUS LANGLEY
20090-91A Ave, Langley, 604-513-8747

Aliens in the Attic (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:40-1:55-4:20-6:45-9:20
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Obsessed (PG) A.M. Fri-Sun 1
The Proposal (PG) Fri-Thu 11
Up (G) Fri-Thu 9:15

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Music

The hazards of love

The Decemberists take an unusual musical departure

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

Unexpected musical pairings don't always fly when they're first realized.

There are those, of course, that just never take off, and for good reason — like Scarlett Johansson and Tom Waits covers, or the embarrassing mid-'80s Bowie/Jagger collaboration. But others, like Wilco and eclectic experimentation on Yankee Hotel Foxtrot, and Alison Krauss-brand bluegrass with the Zeppelin rock vox of Robert Plant, however doubted, end aptly up in the musical stratosphere.

The Decemberists' latest album The Hazards of Love takes up company with the latter. In an unanticipated departure, the Portland, Ore., band divorces its spirited folk rock repertoire for a musically amalgamated concept album, initially intended as a stage musical.

The album recalls the tale of a lady called Margaret and her mystical, often sexual forest exploits. After falling in love with forest-dweller William, she comes under scrutiny by his mother, the Queen of the forest, who fails to cease Margaret's abduction by a dangerous villain, The Rake. William searches for and reunites with Margaret, and they reignite their love before dying, together.

Colin Meloy, singer and songwriter for the band, understands the risk of taking such a conceptual diversion, but says the album's just not intended for everybody. "I can totally understand why this record would not be to someone's taste. I knew from the very beginning this was going to be a pretty polarizing record and that some people would hate it and some people will love it."

Hazards has polarized the critics, that have produced largely mixed reviews of the album. But Meloy maintains his band is just a quick and easy target because of the early praise it's garnered. And estranging critics or The Decemberists' fans is fine by Meloy. "If we do alienate people, they would be the sort of people that would be restricting our creativity anyway."

It's all part of the solid precedent he says the band has set for itself. "People are welcome to come along," he says, "But we're going to be doing what we want and not kowtowing to accessibility or tastes."

Non-conformity is as present in Hazards' format as its sound. Added to the folk music the band is noted for, there are sure signs of metal, progressive rock and hard rock on the album, a testament to Meloy's dissent against the tension between folk and metal.

"I think they're more akin than some people give them credit for, especially when you're dealing with classic metal from the '70s and the British folk revival," he says. "At that time, metal and folk music were these sort of weird bastard cousins, walking around hand in hand."

Similarly smitten should be an artist's work to their influences, says Meloy, no matter the expected reception. "Anybody writing songs and making music should be making music that is, in some way, the sum total of their record collection," he says. "By and large, I feel like I'm making the music that I want to make. I hope we can continue doing that."

The Decemberists' Hazards of Love was a concept album, initially intended as a stage musical.

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Music

Great reading picks for summer

SoundCheck

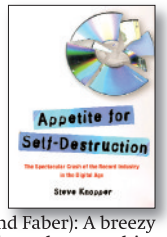
For most people across the country, this has been a dreary summer. Where I live, we've had exactly one day where the temperature has reached 30 C. New York had its coldest June since 1958. And a recent web posting from an AccuWeather meteorologist (http://bit.ly/pmkYy) cites more than 3,000 low-temperature records across North America in July.

This all explains why I'm off to Cuba tomorrow in search of some sun. I also need a week to catch up on my reading in preparation for the fall season of my radio show, The Ongoing History of New Music.

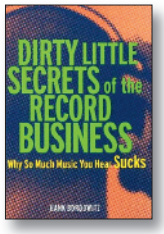
If you have some vacation time coming and you're looking for a few books on music, here are a few suggestions:

Perfecting Sound Forever: An Aural History of Recorded Music by Greg Milner (Faber and Faber): Not so much a history of recorded music, but a history of how we've tried to capture music perfectly. It's filled with anecdotes and fun history. I learned a lot. My favourite music book of the year so far.

Appetite for Self-Destruction: The Spectacular Crash of the Record Industry in the Digital Age by Steve Knopper (Faber and Faber): A breezy look at how the record industry was blindsided by Napster and everything that came after. Some excellent insight into various mistakes, miscalculations and "what if" scenarios.

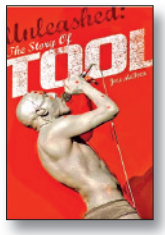


Dirty Little Secrets of the Record Business: Why So Much Music You Hear Sucks by Hank Bordowitz (Chicago Review Press): An unabashedly biased look at the state of the American music industry. Bombastic in places and idealistic to the point of naïveté in others, but an interesting insider's peek into the business.

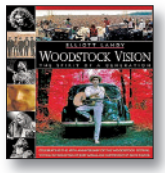


Ripped: How the Wired Generation Revolutionized Music by Greg Kot (Scribner): Just like the title says: How the music consumer went from paying $17.99 for a CD to paying nothing at all in just ten years.

Unleashed: The Story of Tool by Joel McIver (Omnibus Press) With Tool, it's always been very difficult to separate the fact from the fiction. McIver does his best with the first-ever biography of one of rock's most enigmatic bands.



Woodstock Vision: The Spirit of a Generation by Elliott Landy (Backbeat Books): With the 40th anniversary of Woodstock coming up, this reissued book is a nice piece of nostalgia.



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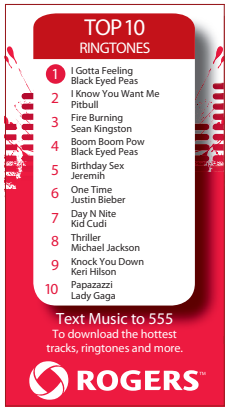
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Nutini brings out his Sunny Side

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

Being a young musician has its challenges. One thing 22-year-old Paolo Nutini is trying to come to grips with is how irrelevant some of his first album, which he wrote when he was a teenager, seems today.

"I was singing songs I'd never sing about in that way now," says the Scottish-born musician, whose debut, Three Streets, was a huge hit in 2006. "There are instances where I won't play a song, because I don't really feel it anymore."

These days the husky-voiced troubadour is feeling the reggae vibes. His sophomore disc, Sunny Side Up, kicks off with a heavy dose of 2 Tone-style reggae (unofficial Specials trombonist Rico Rodriguez plays on the song), and there are upstroke sounds elsewhere on the record.

"Jamaican music is my favourite," says the guitarist. "It's not like I wanted to make a reggae record, it's just how the song came out."

VMAs turning Pink this year

Pink is the latest star confirmed to perform at MTV's Video Music Awards, taking place Sept. 13 at locations around New York City, including Radio City Music Hall. PEOPLE.COM

Television

Mixing kissing with spaceships

IAN JOHNSTON
for Metro Canada

Melrose Space. Grey's Astronomy. Lost ... In Space. For a TV show that has yet to air, Defying Gravity has a lot of nicknames. So what's it really about?

"It plays like a soap opera at times and like an action film at times and then its sci-fi," explains Defying Gravity star Ron Livingston (Sex In The City, Office Space). "It wasn't all kissing and it wasn't all spaceships. There's kissing and spaceships."

More simply put, Defying Gravity was created by James Parriott (Grey's Anatomy) and concerns the future adventures of eight astronauts on a six-year mission to explore the nearest planets.

Defying Gravity launches Sunday on CTV/ABC.

The show will follow them on the mission, while also focusing on frequent side trips into the inter-relationships between the crew members.

Actress Laura Harris (24, Dead Like Me), who plays the dedicated, flighty scientist Barnes, says she was immediately sold on doing the show.

"It was totally unique and very exciting. The possibilities for plots were infinite."

Shot in Vancouver, Defying Gravity is a cross-border co-production between ABC and CTV.

For The Surrey-raised Harris, it's a bit of a homecoming, albeit not the first.

Harris, who has been acting since she was five, cut her creative teeth on a bevy of sci-fi vehicles shot in Canada over the years, including The X-Files, Stargate, and The Dead Zone.

Defying Gravity stars Laura Harris, left, and Ron Livingston.

FRIDAY 7/31/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Coronatn	Jeopardy!	Air Farce	Laughs	Wild Roses (CC) (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	255	358	6	JOY	E News	The Insider	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		The E! True Hollywood Story		20/20 (CC)		News
	250	321	9	CTV	Corner Gas	Hollywood	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		(:02) Castle (CC)		Criminal Minds (CC)		News
	252	336	11	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	The Unit "The Last Nazi"		Mental "Do Over" (N) (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		News
	256	389	12	VI	The Road to Avonlea		Mr. Deeds ★ (2002) Adam Sandler, Winona Ryder. (CC)				Stargate Atlantis		News (N)
	253	359	13	CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Mantracker	Mantracker	Departures (CC)		Out There	Out There	The CityNews
	-	-	14	CW	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smallville "Infamous" (CC)		Hates Chris	The Game	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Frasier (CC)
	289	381	15	CBS	Entertainment	The Insider	Ghost Whisperer (CC)		(:02) Flashpoint (CC)		NUMB3RS (CC)		News
	287	379	16	NBC	Evening Mag.	Inside Edition	Southland "Pilot" (PA) (CC)		Dateline NBC (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Surviving	Goode Family	Jim	Jim	20/20 (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Mental "Do Over" (N) (CC)		News	Most Wanted	Family Guy
news	502	390	26	NW	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		CBC News: The National		CBC News: the fifth estate		National
	500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360
sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Boxing Friday Night Fights. (Same-day Tape) (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	What a Girl Wants ★ (2003) Amanda Bynes. (CC)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Batman	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama		Team America: World Police ★★★ (2004, Comedy) (CC)		
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	No Price Too High		Poirot "Peril at End House"		A Most Mysterious Murder		The Times of Harvey Milk ★★★ (1984)		
	575	583	20	CMT	What Girls Learn ★ (2001, Drama) Elizabeth Perkins, Scott Bakula, Alison Pill.						What Girls Learn ★ (2001) Scott Bakula		
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Dispo Day"		Criminal Minds "In Heat"		CSI: Miami (CC)		CSI: Miami "Simple Man"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24	TLC	Dress	Dress	What Not to Wear Radio DJ.		Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress	Dress
	616	522	39	SHO	The Outer Limits "Tribunal"		The Best Years "Vertigo"		Kenny	Kenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	294	650	57	TBS	(6:00) Wedding Crashers ★★★ (2005) (CC)		Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo ★ (2005)				Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Deuce Eur
	603	561	62	FN	Diners	Diners	Ramsay's Kitchen		Unwrapped	Unwrapped	Bobby Flay	Dinner	Diners
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:15) Poor Boy's Game (CC)		Lakeview Terrace ★★ (2008) Samuel L. Jackson. (CC)				(9:50) Halloween ★ (2007, Horror) (CC)		
	581	566	101	MTV	True Love	The X Effect	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	16 and Pregnant "Maci"		True Love	The X Effect	Made (CC)

SATURDAY 8/1/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	The Nature of Things (CC)		The Week the Women Went		Da Vinci's City Hall		Intelligence "Pressure Drop"		News
	255	358	6	JOY	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Absolution (2006, Drama) Samantha Mathis. Premiere. (CC)				News
	250	321	9	CTV	W-FIVE (CC) (DVS)		Double Frame (2001, Suspense) Daniel Baldwin. (CC) (DVS)				Law & Order: SVU		News
	252	336	11	GTV	Doc "Happy Trails" (N)		Doc "Till We Meet Again"		Doc "Second Time Around"		Doc "To Protect and Serve"		News Final
	256	389	12	VI	New Canoe	Island Week	The Road to Avonlea		Kool Countdown (CC)		Dirty Sexy Money (N) (CC)		Bravo! Fact
	253	359	13	CITY	Easy Money (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		View of Terror (2003) Shannen Doherty. (CC) (DVS)				Role
	-	-	14	CW	CSI: NY A tiger kills a man.		Boston Legal (CC)		Boston Legal "Head Cases"		CSI: NY (CC)		CSI: Miami
	289	381	15	CBS	Seafair Saturday Night		Cold Case "Glory Days"		NUMB3RS "Breaking Point"		48 Hours Mystery (CC)		News
	287	379	16	NBC	Backroads	Inside Edition	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Face the Ace (N) (CC)		Law & Order: SVU		KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Fortune	Jeopardy!	Red Eye ★★★ (2005) Rachel McAdams. Premiere. (CC)				Dirty Sexy Money (N) (CC)		News
	290	382	23	FOX	Two Men	Two Men	Cops (CC)	Cops (CC)	America's Most Wanted		News	Most Wanted	MADtv (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report	Our World	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone (CC)		Sat. Report
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream Dynamic issues.				Newsroom		CNN/Essence
sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Oakland Athletics.				Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker
	400	400	30	TSN	CFL Football: Roughriders at Stampeders				SportsCentre	WEC WrekCage (CC)	X Games		SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life "Police Action"		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Cats & Dogs ★★ (2001) Jeff Goldblum. Premiere. (CC)				Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	National Geographic (CC)		Heartbeat (CC)		Midsomer Murders Barnaby and Jones search for a killer.				Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Jim Cuddy		Babe ★★★★ (1995) James Cromwell, Magda Szubanski.				Babe (1995)
	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami "Inside Out"		The Sopranos (CC)		CSI: Miami "Dangerous Son"		CSI: Miami "Cyber-lebrity"		CSI: Miami
	521	560	24	TLC	48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		Dateline: Real Life Mysteries		48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Detectives
	616	522	39	SHO	(4:00) The Last Templar ★		Time and Again (2007, Drama) Brooke Burns. (CC)				Alexander ★★ (2004) Colin Farrell. (CC)		
	294	650	57	TBS	Bewitched ★★ (2005) Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell. (CC)				Bill Engvall	Bill Engvall	Turner & Hooch ★★ (1989) Tom Hanks.		
	603	561	62	FN	Kitchen Nightmares (CC)		Hell's Kitchen (CC)		Challenge "Villain Cakes"		The Next Food Network Star		Nightmares
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:40) Open Water ★★★		Appaloosa ★★★ (2008, Western) Ed Harris. Premiere.				Vantage Point ★★ (2008) Dennis Quaid.		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV Live	MTV News	After

SUNDAY 8/2/09

VA	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
primetime	251	308	3	CBC	Heartland "Divorce Horse"		Wild Hogs ★ (2007) Tim Allen, John Travolta. (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		News
	255	358	6	JOY	Mysteries	Mysteries	Deal or No Deal (CC)		D. Richards	Kendra (N)	Rad-Remedies		News
	250	321	9	CTV	Cold Case (CC)		Merlin "Excalibur" (N) (CC)		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (CC)				News
	252	336	11	GTV	16:9 Picture	Amer Dad	Big Brother 11 (N) (CC)		Family Guy	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	News Final
	256	389	12	VI	Funniest Home Videos		America's Got Talent (CC)		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (CC)				New Canoe
	253	359	13	CITY	The T.O. Show (CC)		Murdoch Mysteries		Royal Pains (CC)		Crusoe (CC)		Role
	-	-	14	CW	Easy Money "Bassmaster"		Overboard ★★ (1987, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Kurt Russell.				Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cold Case
	289	381	15	CBS	60 Minutes (CC)		Big Brother 11 (N) (CC)		Cold Case (CC)		Without a Trace "Undertow"		News
	287	379	16	NBC	Dateline NBC (CC)		Merlin "Excalibur" (N) (CC)		The Storm (2009) (Part 2 of 2) Treat Williams. (CC)				KING 5 News
	288	380	41	ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Ty's Great British Adventure		Defying Gravity "Pilot; Natural Selection" (CC)				News
	290	382	23	FOX	'Til Death	Amer Dad	Simpsons	Simpsons	Family Guy	Simpsons	News	Sports	House (CC)
news	502	390	26	NW	Marilyn, the Last Sessions (CC)				CBC News: Sunday Night		Marilyn, the Last Sessions (CC)		
	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		CNN & Essence: Reclaiming the Dream Dynamic issues.				State of the Union		CNN/Essence
sports	407	419	22	RSP	MLB Baseball		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Hooter's Dream Girl		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
	400	400	30	TSN	SportsCentre (Live) (CC)			Motoring	2008 World Series of Poker From Las Vegas. (CC)				SportsCentre
family	552	543	25	YTV	Garfield: Tail		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	In Real Life "Dirty Jobs"		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
	555	545	50	TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch (CC)	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Clone High
cable variety	268	354	5	KNO	Sinking of the Belgrano		Promised Land (1993) John Thaw, Kevin Whately. (CC)				A Most Mysterious Murder		Jazz
	575	583	20	CMT	George Strait: ACM Artist of the Decade All Star Concert				CMA Music Fest 2008				CMT Live
	615	520	31	A&E	Simmons	Simmons	Motley Crue		Gene Simmons		Simmons	Simmons	Simmons
	521	560	24	TLC	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate	Jon & Kate Plus 8 (CC)		Jon & Kate
	616	522	39	SHO	The Guard "Waheguru"		Love Sick: Secrets of a Sex Addict (2008) Sally Pressman.				Rescue Me "Clean" (CC)		The Guard
	294	650	57	TBS	(:15) Hitch ★★★ (2005, Romance-Comedy) Will Smith, Eva Mendes. (CC)				(:45) The Sweetest Thing ★ (2002) Cameron Diaz. (CC)				
	603	561	62	FN	Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant Makeover (CC)		Get on Plate	Food	Iron Chef America (CC)		Dinner
	320	621	30	CEN	(6:30) Open Season 2 ★★		Leatherheads ★★ (2008) George Clooney. (CC)				Knocked Up ★★★ (2007) Seth Rogen.		
	581	566	101	MTV	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Live	MTV News	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	Cribs (CC)	MTV News

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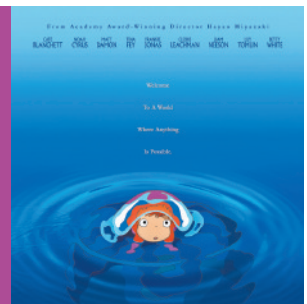

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Burn Notice gets another season

USA's summer hits Burn Notice and Royal Pains have both been picked up for additional seasons, according to The Hollywood Reporter. The pickups follow on the heels of sizzling numbers for both series. TVGUIDE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

RCMP Musical Ride
When: Friday and Saturday
Where: Thunderbird Show Park
Come experience a part of Canada's heritage and national identity of the RCMP musical ride. Info: thunderbirdshowpark.com.

2009 HSBC Celebration of Light
When: Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: English Bay
China will light up the sky in the final night of the HSBC Celebration of Light fireworks festival. Info: celebration-of-light.com.

MusicFest Vancouver
When: Sunday through Aug. 16
Where: Various
MusicFest rivals North America's largest music festivals and includes genres like classical, world and jazz.

33rd Annual Powell Street Festival
When: Saturday and Sunday
Where: Woodland Park
The Powell Street Festival celebrates the arts, culture and heritage of Japanese Canadians. powellstreetfestival.com.

Rock The Bells
When: Saturday, 12-9:30 p.m.
Where: Deer Lake Park
A hip-hop extravaganza that features some of music's biggest names including Common, Nas, Big Boi and KRS One. Info: guerillaunion.com/rockthebells.

Salmon Stomp
When: Saturday, 12-9 p.m.
Where: Gulf of Georgia Cannery
An all ages event and community celebration featuring music. Info: richmond.ca.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Jillian Harris & Ed Swiderski
COUPLE The first-ever Canadian star of The Bachelorette made her pick this week amid much media hoopla and we can already hear wedding bells. If People magazine is to believed, the Vancouver-based restaurant designer and the tech consultant from Chicago can't seem to get enough of each other and are planning to tie the knot soon.

2 Funny People
FILM Will Judd Apatow's incredible run of hit comedies (The 40-Year-Old Virgin, Knocked Up) finally end? Movie forums are abuzz with anticipation about the director/producer's new dramedy on the lives of comedians. The nearly three-hour long film stars Adam Sandler and Seth Rogen.

3 JK Wedding Entrance
VIRAL VIDEO Walking down the aisle will never be the same. In this video, which has racked up 11 million hits on YouTube so far, guests at the wedding of Jill Peterson and Kevin Heinz opt for a little funky dance to the beat of Chris Brown's Forever. The rest, as they say, is viral video history.

4 Anjulie Persaud
ARTIST Her first video Boom has been blogged about by Kanye West and is getting major airplay on MTV. Already hailed as the new Nelly Furtado, the Oakville, Ont.-born songstress of Guyanese origin is the latest buzz girl of Canadian pop and expectations are sky high for her self-titled album, which comes out next week.

5 Twenties Girl: Sophie Kinsella
BOOK The chic-lit queen tries a light-hearted whodunit this time around. The story revolves around a young Brit named Lara Lington, her great-aunt Sadie and a missing necklace.

6 Tin Man
SHOW Somewhere over the rainbow lies a darker side of Oz and that's where a modernized Dorothy (Zooey Deschanel) and pals head to in this TV remake of the classic. The series premieres tomorrow on Space.

7 Life on Mars (U.K. Version)
DVD Never mind the cancelled ABC series. Here's the original thing, available on DVD in North America for the first time.

Sway magazine not hit by hard times

MAUREEN LITTLEJOHN
for Metro Canada

Economic realities have forced many publishers to downsize, but Toronto's Sway magazine is bucking the trend.

Geared towards a black audience, the glossy lifestyle quarterly is spreading its wings and going national. This month it is available in 150 stores across the country, including Chapters and Indigo locations.

"We've seen our revenues go up by 30 per cent in the last year and we'd like to make the magazine accessible to the whole country," says Alan Vernon, Sway's associate publisher and editorial director.

"There are 800,000 black people in the country. Half of that number is in Toronto, half is not. We want to raise our brand visibility outside the GTA."

Vernon says the magazine, free in Toronto, will be sold for $4.95 outside the city and adds, "We'll make a few thousand copies available across the country, around 20 copies per store."

Although the majority of the magazine's 50,000 circulation remains in the GTA, content is now more national in scope, says Vernon. "Our current issue has political stories on topics such as why Canada is getting out of Africa and why paleness of skin colour has been used as a measure of black beauty. Our content is inspirational and positive, not fluffy."

Unlike other publications that have seen their budgets shrink, the three-year-old magazine's ad base is growing.

"We've never had so many national ads as in our current Caribana issue.

Sway magazine is a glossy lifestyle quaterly aimed at the country's black population.

Agencies are waking up to our first-class product. Yes, times are tough, but we have buy-in from the community.

"We've got national ads from companies such as Movado, Blackberry, Appleton Rum and Kraft. I have to pinch myself and ask, 'Is this really happening?'"

Nas, Big Boi to headline Rock the Bells

ANDREA WOO
for Metro Canada

The city will host its biggest hip-hop line-up to date when Rock the Bells hits Deer Lake Park in Burnaby tomorrow.

Nas, Damian Marley, Common, Big Boi and KRS-One are among those who will perform at the Vancouver stop of the annual, international hip-hop festival, now in its fifth year.

While it's a leaner line-up than the one at most U.S. dates, which includes Cypress Hill, Ice Cube, the Roots and Busta Rhymes, there is certainly no shortage of great music.

Nas, who will co-headline with Marley, calls their energy together "out of this world."

"The way he rocks with the audience is totally different from the way I rock with the audience," said the Queensbridge rapper. "It's like [the audience gets] two experiences at one time, two different experiences brought together."

Nas, pictured here performing at Rock the Bells in George, Wash., last year, will co-headline with Damian Marley at the Burnaby festival date tomorrow.

The two are finishing up an album together, titled Distant Relatives, which spawned from their collaboration on the song Road To Zion off Marley's 2005 album Welcome To Jamrock. Nas says they will perform a few songs off it at Rock the Bells.

"It's a straight-up hip-hop tour and that's what I like about it," said Nas of the festival. "I can't wait to come out there and do what we do."

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Zac takes the plunge in B.C.
Tween idol Zac Efron, known more for his dancing and singing skills than for risking life and limb, took the plunge while bungee-jumping for the first time in Vancouver on Saturday, people.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

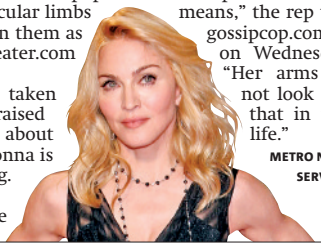
Celebrity Buzz

Madonna's right to bear arms

REBUTTAL Madonna's rep has dismissed a controversial snapshot of the pop star with muscular limbs and zero fat on them as a fake, popeater.com reports.

The photo, taken on July 26, raised questions about whether Madonna is over-exercising.

"Madonna's arms in the most recent photos have absolutely been altered by Photoshop or some other means," the rep told gossipcop.com on Wednesday. "Her arms do not look like that in real life."



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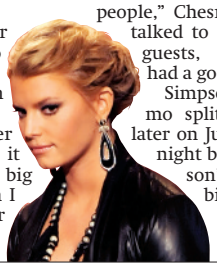
A little bit of country drama

DENIAL Country singer Kenny Chesney is blasting a tabloid report that he and Jessica Simpson flirted in front of Tony Romo at a July 4 party just days before the couple's breakup, people.com reports.

"Tony's a friend, and I wouldn't flirt with a buddy's girlfriend," Chesney told People. "More importantly, Jessica was just being sweet and there was nothing else to it.

"If a girl and her boyfriend can't go to someone's house for a Fourth of July party and talk to the other guests without it turning into a big nightmare … then I feel really sorry for Jessica and Tony, who're both really nice people," Chesney said. "I talked to a bunch of guests, hung out, had a good time."



Simpson and Romo split five days later on July 9 — the night before Simpson's 29th birthday.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Mischa is moving too quickly: Pal

CONCERN Friends are worried that actress Mischa Barton is jumping into work on her new TV series, The Beautiful Life, too quickly after her recent hospitalization.

"Mischa needs more aggressive treatment over a long period of time," a friend told Gatecrasher. "It's only been a matter of days since she was released from the hospital, and I think she definitely wasn't there long enough.

"She needs to be very cautious — she's at a very big risk. I personally think it's a bad idea to go back this quickly, given her past history with substance abuse."

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METRO WORLD NEWS

Four times a father for Jude

DAD AGAIN Jude Law is set to become a father for the fourth time, his rep confirmed to Entertainment Weekly.

His rep confirmed a baby is on the way in the fall, but that "Mr. Law is no longer in a relationship with the individual concerned but he intends to be a fully supportive part of the child's life."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Studio and Rachelle stand off

OFF-SET DRAMA After replacing Rachelle Lefevre with Bryce Dallas Howard for the third Twilight film Eclipse — and hearing how "stunned" and "hurt" Lefevre is — Summit Entertainment defended its decision, saying it's her fault, people.com reports.

"We … are disappointed by Rachelle Lefevre's recent comments which attempt to make her career choices the fault of the studio," a statement read.

According to Summit, Lefevre was well aware of the shooting schedule for Eclipse when she signed on with another movie that had a conflicting schedule. Making things worse, Lefevre didn't tell Summit about the other film until two months after agreeing to do it, Summit says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Katherine gets custody

FINALLY SETTLED The question of who gets custody of Michael Jackson's three kids has been answered: They're going with their grandmother, Katherine Jackson, her lawyer told the CBS Early Show yesterday.

L. Londell McMillan said that after several weeks of negotiations, Katherine reached a deal with Debbie Rowe, the biological mother of the older two children, which gives Rowe visitation rights but no financial compensation.

"This is not a money deal," McMillan said. "There's no situation better for these children then to be raised and reared under the care of Mrs. Jackson."

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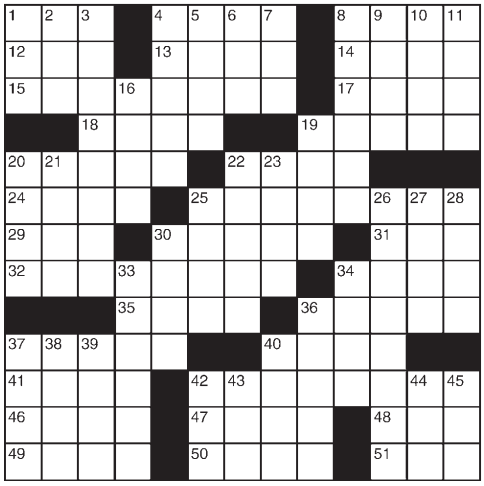

ACROSS

1 Completely
4 Tarot cards' determination
8 Pack away
12 Vast expanse
13 Finished
14 One of the Three Bears
15 Optimistic
17 Wishes otherwise
18 Midas' desire
19 Snag
20 Basilica areas
22 Erstwhile ugly duckling
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DOWN

1 Fool
2 Meadow
3 "Auld —"
4 Basketball no-nos
5 Eager
6 X rating?
7 Earlier than
8 Leap
9 Tense
10 Cartel acronym
11 Lave
16 "And so it —"
19 Reagan Cabinet member
20 Chills and fever
21 Knitting stitch
22 Word on the street?
23 Departed
25 Carpet type
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27 Genealogy chart
28 Fixes a seam
30 Guitarist Atkins
33 Traffic cones
34 Caffeine-rich nut
36 Former capital of Nigeria
37 Cast a ballot
38 Vicinity
39 AOL client, e.g.
40 Dandling site
42 Japanese pond carp
43 Joan of —
44 Have bills
45 Inseparable

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

		5					7	8
	2	3		7	1			
8			2					
9		2	4		8			
	4						8	
			5		9	6		1
					2			9
			6	9		3	2	
2	7					5		

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

A	B	B	A		R	A	H		S	M	U	G		
C	A	R	P		A	G	O		T	Y	R	A		
T	S	A	R		V	E	T		I	S	N	T		
S	E	N	I	L	E		S	A	L	T				
			C	O	N	C	E	R	T	I	N	A		
C	H	A	O	S		H	A	M		Q	E	D		
H	A	L	T		J	E	T		A	U	T	O		
I	L	L		B	O	A		P	R	E	S	S		
C	O	N	C	E	N	T	R	I	C					
		I	R	A	Q		A	T	H	A	N	D		
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A	C	H	E		I	O	N		R	I	C	E		
R	E	T	D		L	O	Y		S	L	E	D		

6	2	4	8	7	3	9	1	5
7	9	5	2	6	1	4	3	8
8	3	1	4	5	9	6	2	7
3	6	2	1	8	5	7	4	9
9	1	7	6	4	2	5	8	3
5	4	8	3	9	7	2	6	1
1	7	6	5	2	8	3	9	4
2	8	9	7	3	4	1	5	6
4	5	3	9	1	6	8	7	2

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Warm Tuna, Pasta and Parsley Salad

INGREDIENTS:
8 oz (250 g) cherry tomatoes
1 large red onion, cut into wedges
2 garlic cloves, sliced
1/4 cup (50 mL) pine nuts
1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
10 oz (300 g) penne
15 oz (425 g) canned tuna in spring water, drained
4.5 oz (125 g) canned corn kernels, drained and rinsed
1/2 cup (125 mL) chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley

INGREDIENTS:
1 lemon, juiced
1/3 cup (75 mL) extra virgin olive oil
2 tsp (10 mL) wholegrain mustard
1 tbsp (15 mL) bottled capers, rinsed and roughly chopped

METHOD:
1. Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C). Line baking tray with baking paper and lay out cherry tomatoes, onion, garlic and pine nuts. Drizzle with oil, season to taste and gently toss. Roast 15–20 minutes or until tomatoes are softened and pine nuts are lightly browned. Remove from oven and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, cook pasta in large pot of boiling water according to pack instructions.
3. For dressing, combine lemon juice, extra virgin olive oil, mustard and capers in small bowl and mix thoroughly.
4. Once pasta is cooked, strain in colander, then return to pot. Add roasted tomato mixture, tuna, corn, parsley and dressing to pasta and mix gently, without breaking up tomatoes too much.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Your instincts can usually be trusted to point you in the right direction, but today they may not be quite so reliable, so think twice.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A colleague will fall out of favor on the work front today, leaving the way clear for you to step in and move up the ladder. It's your big chance!

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
By all means push ahead with your plans today, but bear in mind that while Mercury opposes Neptune, some of those plans may be questionable.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You'll be offered some kind of deal, and it will be tempting to say the least, but you must not agree to do anything that goes against your principles.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A business associate will try to convince you that what they are selling is worth more than you are willing to pay. Don't fall for it.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You are well aware of your shortcomings but you are even more aware that you have done many things to be proud of. Feel good about yourself.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You can expect some kind of bonus or reward today, but it does not have to be of a financial nature. Most likely you will be granted an insight.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
The more you want to follow a certain course of action, the more others will try to convince you to do something different.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
It will pay you to be nice to people today, not least because you will need their help later on. And while you're at it, why not change your perspective?

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Stick to what you know best and don't stray into areas where your understanding is limited. What are you passionate about?

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Raise your sights as high as you can and believe that you can create something meaningful and magnificent in the world. You have a special talent.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Everything around you may be in flux at the moment, but you are a picture of perfect calm. Why change for the sake of change?

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This day in history

JULY 31, 30 BC: Battle of Alexandria: Mark Antony achieves a minor victory over Octavian's forces, but most of his army subsequently deserts, leading to his suicide.
JULY 31, 1498: On his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus becomes the first European to discover the island of Trinidad.
JULY 31, 2006: Fidel Castro hands over power temporarily to brother Raúl Castro. This leads to a celebration in Little Havana (La Pequeña Habana in Spanish), Miami, Fla., where many Cuban Americans participated.

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